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Your President's Report: Co-operation My Guide

The 1962 convention will be away Monday morning December 10th. Those of you who plan to attend will already be prepared before this report reaches you. I don't suppose there is anything I can say that will persuade more delegates to come. However it is my wish that as many as possible will attend. Visitors are always welcome. Those people who attend the convention are the only real source of information for the people at home. The information that goes out by press and radio is too sketchy to provide a good picture of what really happens.

I would like this month to say something about this convention and what I think it means to us. In doing so I will dig fairly deep into my own mind and try to probe the minds of others. I shall begin by again stating my position as clearly as possible. From this position I have never deviated since I became associated with F.U.A. in an official capacity.

I believe implicitly in the co-operative movement and the principles for which that movement stands. I do not agree with those people who want to use the co-operative movement to shore up the weaknesses in the private enterprise economy, whether those people are in the co-operative movement or not.

I believe in the sanctity of the individual. The co-operative principles recognize this sanctity and provide the means by which it can be expressed. The fact that people do not fully use this privilege, does not detract from the fact that the opportunity is there.

Recognition

The purpose of co-operation must be to give recognition and fulfillment to the individual. The question then is, how do we reach this goal that I am sure everyone except an absolute moron would want.

Let us first look at the private business approach. Here I think we need to separate individual and corporate business. On the one hand you have the farmer, the local storekeeper, the feed merchant, implement dealer, etc. On the other you have the corporate enterprise, examples of which would be the power company, the chain store, large manufacturers, elevator companies, etc. All of these have one thing in common. Their first concern is economic. The social concern is always in the background. Somehow, the feeling is that if you take care of the economic factor, all the other good things just happen.

Social Problems

I do not think it is that simple. I think we need to keep the social problems before us all the time. The individual business owners are much more aware of this problem than are the corporations, although there is a definite attempt being made to identify people and particularly the employees, with corporations. But on the whole there

can be little doubt that the competition between the individual business man and the corporate business has reached the place where the individual is no longer able to compete. This applies to the farmer along with everyone else.

The farmers decided long ago they might eliminate some of the hazards by joining together in co-operatives to reduce the cost to themselves of many items they needed in their business, or to increase the efficiency of their marketing services. Obviously the saving or benefit, if there was to be one, had to come from more efficiency. More efficiency meant reducing the numbers of people and businesses to an absolute minimum. Those that were not absorbed into the co-operative or private corporation became unemployed, just as small farmers, unable to compete, have always become unemployed.

No Watchdog

However, we never reached the place of maximum efficiency in our co-ops. What we have done is to set them up to compete with private business enterprises. As such they had to operate much the same as a private business and the prime

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Reduced Fare To Convention

To obtain the reduced fare to the convention, delegates must obtain a "round-trip identification convention certificate" from their local secretary. They will take this to the bus or railway ticket agent and will then be able to purchase their tickets at a reduction of up to 20%.

Remember this year to buy a return ticket or you will not get the reduced fare. Be sure to obtain your certificate from your local secretary or write to central office for one, before purchasing your ticket. Visitors to the convention may also take advantage of this reduced fare.

F.U.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

December 10 - 14, 1962

The annual convention of the Farmers Union of Alberta will be held in Edmonton, December 10th to 14th inclusive at the Macdonald Hotel. Representation is based on the number of paid members in a local. Locals are allowed one delegate for each 20 members or major portion thereof, with a local having six paid-up members being entitled to one delegate. Visitors will be welcome but only delegates are given voting privileges.

Delegates will participate in the pool transportation fund, with the pool rate set at \$14.00, which means all delegates will pay a total of \$14.00 into the pool regardless of what distance they may be from Edmonton.

We want to impress upon all locals the importance of sending delegates to the annual convention. This is the governing body of the union, the place where policy is determined, and where the leaders of the movement are selected. No local can really do its part in the farm movement unless it is represented at the annual convention, so be sure to send your delegates to Edmonton this year.

Alberta's crying need:

Veterinary College

WE ARE ALREADY FIVE YEARS BEHIND

For a number of years the F.U.A. has been urging the Provincial and Federal Governments to establish a Veterinary College in Western Canada, preferably in Alberta. So far, we have had no luck whatever. I had the privilege of attending a luncheon in Edmonton sponsored by the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, at which this problem was very thoroughly discussed. I came away more convinced than ever that the problem is very urgent, and that the F.U.A. should throw its full weight behind a program to get a college set up in Alberta as quickly as possible.

Let's have a look at the need, the urgency, and the location.

There is no veterinary college west of the Great Lakes. Students from the West must go to the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph, Ontario, for training. It is not possible for these classes to be large. Veterinary training is not only a matter of lectures, but of seeing and working on the actual animals. Classes must therefore be small. Both the British and the American Veterinary Associations say that a class of 45 is about the limit.

Last year, 11 students from all of Western Canada got into the Ontario College. There was no room for more. This year it is estimated that less than 10 will get in and because of the growing demand for veterinarians in the east, few, if any students, from the west will get in within the next five years.

Waste of Time

First year classes in Veterinary Science can be taken at any of the four western universities, because the students do not begin working with animals until the second year. Last year 68 students registered in these universities for first year Veterinary Science. I do not know how many passed their exams but if only half of them did, that meant 34 who were ready to go to Guelph. But, as we said, there was room for only 11. The others found themselves with no place to go, and a year wasted in study which could not be continued.

U.S. veterinary colleges are overcrowded, and there is no room for Canadians there. This is serious, and in fact, very close to a disgraceful situation. So much for the need. What about the urgency. Do we need a lot more veterinarians, and soon?

Compare!

In Britain there is one veterinarian for every 2500 head of livestock. In France, one for every

5800 head, in Ontario, one for 4000 head, but in Western Canada, there is only one veterinarian for every 13,000 head. Yet Britain, France, and Ontario, all need more vets. In 1958 a government survey indicated that Western Canada will need 540 more veterinarians by 1980. We just can't get them with our present educational facilities.

In 1945 the U.S. had 12 veterinary colleges. They now have 19, and have set aside \$5 million to build still more. Almost every other country has been building veterinary colleges since the war. Canada has not built a veterinary college in the last 100 years. So much for the urgency of the problem.

Now, as to the location of the proposed institution. First of all, it should be located at a university. Many of the regular university staff have the training to handle much of the lecture work. Chemistry, biology, microbiology, and other related subjects which would be needed by a veterinarian, are already being taught to other students of science. There is no need to duplicate this work at another institution.

Edmonton the Place

Secondly, it is logical that the college be located in the province where livestock is most numerous and most important economically. This definitely is in Alberta. The income from livestock in this province is more than 1/4 as much as the livestock income of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and B.C. combined, and our Alberta livestock industry is growing tremendously. However disease problems are also growing, as is to be expected. The greater the concentration of livestock, the more diseases will appear, and the more serious an outbreak can be.

The location of a veterinary college should therefore be in Alberta, and preferably in Edmonton,

Efficiency Or What?

Efficiency is THE word of this generation of private businessmen. Statements about it are made in such a way that it seems sacrilege to even have any doubts about the efficient operation of private enterprise. It is difficult to discuss these statements, because only a very thorough study would show whether an enterprise is efficiently operated. However, if the efficiency of Calgary Power Ltd. is so outstanding, how are the differences explained in the price rural Albertans have to pay for their power, bought from a private company, and Manitobans, who buy their power from a publicly-owned company?

Manitoba—

No line cost or service charge
50 K W @ 8c ----- \$ 4.00
100 K W @ 2c ----- 2.00
150 K W @ 1c ----- 1.50
----- \$ 7.50
Less discount ----- .75
Net total ----- \$ 6.00

Alberta

300 K W @ 2c ----- \$ 6.00
Service Charge
(Can. Utilities) ----- 3.50
----- \$ 9.50

Interest on line
cost, \$1,050.00
@ 5% ----- 4.37
Net total ----- \$13.87

If this glaring difference could be explained by a lesser degree of efficiency of operation, Calgary Power should keep quiet. It appears however the real culprit is the exceptionally large profits made by the company.

PUBLIC POWER

The FUA issued the following press release on November 12—

The FUA fully supports the stand of Mr. Dave Hunter, Leader of the Provincial Liberal Party, in his declared intention to take over ownership of hydro power in Alberta. This issue is becoming increasingly important to Albertans since Alberta may soon be the only province to contribute to the Federal treasury by way of taxation on these utilities. We have always contended that the so-called debt that would accrue to Alberta in any take-over is not serious as is implied by the Government. The people of the province must pay all these costs in any case.

Most European countries, and almost all of Canada's provinces recognize that over-all planning provides more effective production and distribution of power, and have accordingly taken over this resource.

Mr. Hunter's proposal is an attempt to bring Alberta up-to-date.

because of the large animal Science Department in our Faculty of Agriculture at the university and the many packing plants.

It is true that our provincial government is paying a substantial part of the cost, when an Alberta student goes to Guelph to study Veterinary Science. But this solves very few problems when there is room for ten or less each year. We must have a Veterinary College in Western Canada. It is five years overdue now.

—W. J. Harper

Attend Our Annual Convention Dec. 10th-14th

Co-operation My Guide

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motivation again became economic first and social last. It is not strange then that the average farmer sees little difference between a co-operative and a private business. What is more, he never will until he learns what the fundamental difference is and that this difference is more social than economic.

Many people refer to the co-operative today as the necessary watch dog, keeping private business in line, price-wise and service-wise. Unfortunately, it is not as simple as it seems. If enough people use the co-operative so that it can be a real economic factor in their lives, it lessens the chances of the private business or corporation to make a profit. Private business then spends great sums of money (which have to be recovered from the service they give) to woo the co-op members away from their co-op. This wooing ranges all the way from price incentives to cries of "socialism," and "tax evasion." I don't believe it is necessary for people to allow themselves to be pawns in these games.

Knowledge Necessary

There is only one way to overcome this difficulty. It lies in knowledge. How can we understand what the profit motive is? How can we see competition at its worst and best? Only by study and understanding. Unfortunately our school curriculum still places its emphasis on competition and profit with little or no effort to teach the value of genuine co-operation and sharing. The young people are taught that the important thing in life is to acquire a million dollars.

Some children are exposed to the study of higher moral standards in life if they are able to attend Sunday School. Even to those that attend it only means half an hour a week. To add to the difficulty, the church itself has fallen into the trap of tradition by telling people they don't really need to overcome greed and avarice because it is a natural thing, and after all, Christ took full responsibility for it when He died on the Cross. It becomes so easy to ignore the responsibility we have to each other.

So we get back to the significance of this convention. I expect to see more thought and discussion on the question of farm organization this year than we have had for many years. I am sure that farmers have been aware of the problem we face, both in getting factual information to them and in crystalizing worthwhile thinking and opinions into action.

If we can persuade farmers to talk about these things and start to plan for unity, it will be worthwhile. I hope we can see the day when we can spend at least one hour a week studying the fundamentals of co-operation and possibly an equal amount of time on philosophy. If we could do this within the confines of a farm organization, recognized and accepted by all farmers, who could make real plans to use every phase of co-operation to help farm people economically and socially. We could make plans to deal with the problem of pricing food we produce for domestic use as well as export. We could help governments plan policy that relates to farmers, both as food producers and as citizens of Canada.

—Ed Nelson

WHO CAN AND WILL HELP?

One of our members had the ill fortune of seeing his barn burning down, which contained all the feed for this winter. The last few years have already been very difficult ones for this member, and his neighbors, willing to help, have provided him with all the straw he needs, but none of them has any surplus hay, nor can any be bought in the surrounding area. Anyone knowing a solution or willing to give a helping hand is asked to contact Mrs. M. E. Chambers, Box 57, Merrin, Alta.



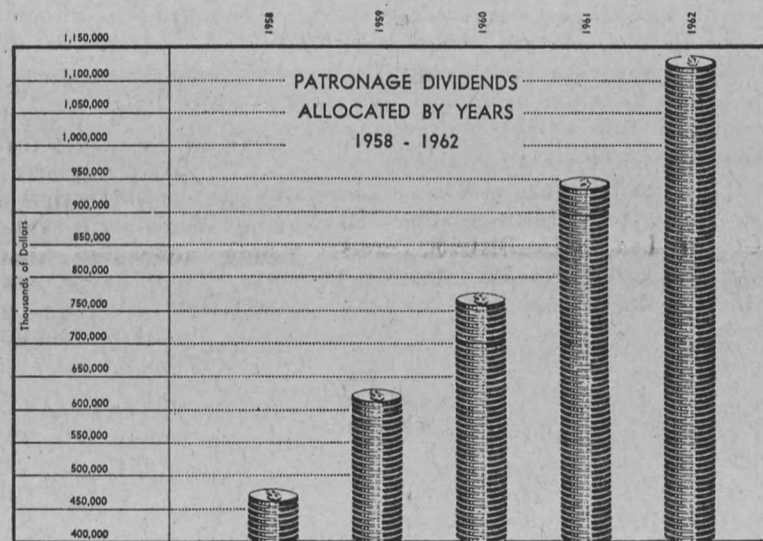
WORKING ON YOUR BEHALF

We are pleased to report a continuation of the rapid growth and increased earning that has been characteristic of U.F.A. Co-op through the past number of years. Sales of \$16,389,260.00 are 12.4% above those of last year. Earnings of \$1,268,926.00 made it possible for the annual meeting to declare a patronage dividend of 11.3% on petroleum products and 6% cash rebate to farm locals on other farm supply purchases.

YEAR	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS	CASH REBATES TO LOCALS	TOTAL
1956	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 262,000.00
1957	\$ 316,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 339,000.00
1958	\$ 479,000.00	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 516,000.00
1959	\$ 634,000.00	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 720,000.00
1960	\$ 774,000.00	\$103,000.00	\$ 877,000.00
1961	\$ 977,000.00	\$193,000.00	\$1,170,000.00
1962	*\$1,140,000.00	\$306,000.00	\$1,446,000.00
	\$4,565,000.00	\$765,000.00	\$5,330,000.00

* Estimated.

The strength of your Organization is more apparent when you consider the change in our Revolving Door Policy since 1956. In that year we were deferring dividends for an eight year period. In each of the years 1958, 1959 and 1960, the period of deferment was reduced one year. A resolution was passed authorizing payment in cash of the dividends deferred in 1957 and 1958, thus SHORTENING THE PERIOD OF DEFERMENT TO FOUR YEARS.



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INCREASED CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT THE ANSWER

In a brief submitted to the Federal - Provincial Agricultural Conference in Ottawa the National Farmers' Union says that the answer to the problems of Canadian farmers does not lie in an expansion of agricultural production but in increased consumption. Increased production, coupled with a more or less stable demand, will not increase farm income, but decrease it. All efforts should be directed to the pressing need of increasing effective demand for farm products. The NFU urged the adoption of a well-planned immigration policy, from which agriculture and secondary industry can profit.

Stepped-up technical assistance and greater contributions to international assistance plans were recommended. A recommendation was also made to expand credit sales to countries unable to pay cash, but farmers shouldn't be expected to set up special funds to help carry the possible losses.

The brief stated sales of western grains should be handled exclusively by the Canadian Wheat Board and western feed grains should be returned to the control of the board.

To protect family farms, the NFU suggested: (1) supplementary payments by the federal treasury on specified basic units of

production and/or numbers of acres; (2) special credit facilities for farmers on family-sized holdings; (3) land agencies, endowed with sufficient funds, authorized to buy farms for sale and resell

FARM RADIO FORUM

The National Farm Radio Forum which is broadcast over seven radio stations in Alberta, will on December 17 again tackle the problem of Dairy Policy. It will be a further study based on questions and opinions arising out of the discussion of November 26.

On January 7 the very important question of "Taxation—Who should Pay?" will be discussed. The opinions expressed in an earlier program will be looked upon and perhaps dissected.

The next program, on January 14, will try to open up "A world of opportunity" for rural youth. Two of the main questions will be: "Should students be required to commit themselves before they have had time to mature, and, what kind of guidance do rural young people need?"

One week later, on January 21, will be discussed how farmers could best be organized to serve their diverse interests most effectively.

them to young farmers who want to start farming and to establish farmers who need to increase their land holdings to make them economic units.

The NFU objected to the present piecemeal dismantling of our railway system and urged that the abandonment of branch lines be halted until a planned and integrated transportation system has been devised.

The brief urged maintaining of the price support for butter milk, direct support payments to producers and payment for milk by grade instead of by the product.

The brief proposed that the federal government provide re-insurance to provincial crop insurance boards to assume part of any losses going beyond reserves accumulated by these boards.

TWICE A MONTH

Beginning in January, members will receive The Organized Farmer twice a month. This will mean a great improvement. Dates of publication are set for the first and third week of every month. Copy for our January and February issues has to reach Central Office not later than: December 20, January 11, January 25, and February 11.

No Piecemeal Abandonment

On November 20, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, headed by Dr. H. H. Hannam, and supported by executive members, including First Vice-President, J. M. Bentley, presented their annual statement to the Federal-Provincial Agricultural Conference.

The major points covered by this submission are:

1. Halt hearings on rail line abandonment and disallow orders for abandonment until a national plan and policy is implemented. The CFA takes the stand that piecemeal abandonment without an overall plan, or policy, could place the farmer and the public, generally, in an unfair position.
2. In the interest of better coordination and integration of farm policy in Canada, the CFA suggests consideration of a National Agricultural Development Board.
3. That a national conference be called to make a start in developing a national dairy policy of planned marketing.
4. Dealing with grain policy, the CFA took the stand that Canada should retain and develop the policy of selling grain on credit terms to export markets under reasonable risk conditions.

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ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN AT EIGHT DINNERS

Eight dinners were held in five districts to start off the Membership Drive and they all have been an outstanding success. Attendance was above expectation. There was good to excellent entertainment and it was nearly all local talent. At the time of the dinner in Peace River, tens and tens of combines were still roaring in the field gathering the harvest of a year's hard work. Though the attendance was lower than was figured on, it was a good meeting, the first of this kind ever held in the district. In Westlock, Stony Plain, Vermilion, Wainwright, Three Hills, Carstairs, and Lethbridge attendance was exceptionally good, thanks to the efforts of many to make the dinner a success. Our admiration and thanks go to all those who have contributed in any way to these dinners. It was a job excellently done.

Carstairs Needs Larger Hall

At Carstairs it was an FUA and FWUA Farm Family Night, arranged for November 7. The Community Hall was filled to capacity. With November 8 being Teachers Convention Day, it was an ideal night for family participation. Under the able direction of Mrs. Spicer, FWUA President, and her committee, 150 plates were served.

Chairman at the dinner was Mr. Jack Riddle, President of the FUA Carstairs local. Guest speakers were: Mr. Richard Page, Didsbury, FUA Director of District 10; Mrs. B. (Paulina) Jasman, Three Hills, FWUA Director of District 10; Mr. Bruce Clayton, Director of Sub-district 2, District 10, who all stressed the need to join and support the Farmers' Union of Alberta. Mr. Bob Clark, MLA for the Didsbury constituency, told the farmers that the Legislature is interested in their needs. Mayor Ivan Pointen emphasized the good relationship which has always existed between the village of Carstairs and the farmers living in the surrounding area.

The chairman of the Membership Committee, Mr. Bob Rowntree, expressed the happiness of

the committee with the good turn out for the dinner.

Local Fire-chief Harold Yeats showed two interesting films. One was on "Fire Safety", the other had the title "That they might live," illustrating mouth to mouth respiration.

Taking part in the entertainment were:

Heather Shaw, piano solo; Doreen Riddle, piano solo; Leona Schelke, vocal solo, "Just a Little Street Where Old Friends Meet" and "The Whole World Is Singing My Song"; Lauraine Schneider, Accordion and vocal solo, "No John, No"; Howard Foat, guitar and vocal solo, "A Poor, Poor Farmer Full Of Rabbit Stew" and Glen James, guitar and vocal solo, "Hercules Girl."

The final part of the program was a medley of songs and instrumental selection including such numbers as: "Somebody Else Is Taking My Place," "Cattle Call," "Now Is The Hour" and "Peace In The Valley." Participating in the group performance were: John Foat, Glen James, Carl Eckstrand, Lorraine Schneider, Clarence Reed and Mrs. Harley Foat.

Stony Plain Saw Large Turnout

District 5 held its dinner at an early date, October 24, in the Stony Plain Community Centre. There was a large turn out and representatives from various government levels were present. Herb Kotscherofski, director for District 5, was chairman. The Stony Plain FWUA catered a fine turkey dinner. Mrs. Sam Holt proposed the toast to the Queen.

Fred Sparrow, president of the Stony Plain Chamber of Commerce, brought greetings from the Chamber, and Keith Everett, MLA, from the provincial government.

Main address of the evening was given by Dr. W. E. Bowser, soil scientist for the Canada Department of Agriculture. He spoke

about the United Nations organization and its many agencies. One of these is the World Food Organization and Agricultural Organization which has helped underdeveloped countries to find better methods for producing food. Then there are the health agencies which are busy to improve the health standards in these countries. The chief purpose of all these organizations is to teach people to help themselves.

Other speakers were Mrs. W. C. Taylor, member of the FUA executive, Mr. Charlie White, Mrs. Della Holt and Mr. Val Koth, civil defense director for the area. A sing song and the McNichol Dancers were also on the program.

Twenty-Seven Locals Represented

District 12 held their dinner in Lethbridge under the very able chairmanship of Mr. Doug Galbraith, Alternate Director for the district. 27 locals were represented at the dinner attended by 126 persons. It was a very enjoyable as well as an instructive evening.

Speakers were Dr. H. J. Perkins, Mr. Anders Anderson, member of the FUA Executive, and the Director of District 12, Mr. C. J. Versluys.

The four Bishop girls, ranging in age from 4 to 13 years, sang several selections, accompanied by their father. Stewart Galbraith, a pupil of Toronto Conservatory, and son of the district's alternate director, sang three numbers, accompanied by his mother. Sheila Puzie showed how baton swirling should be done.

The district had chosen a wonderful evening for the dinner as the temperature was in the sixties.

District 3 held for the third time a dinner and there was a very healthy growth in attendance. About two hundred people showed up, about fifty more than were plates set for, as only 150 people had announced beforehand that they would attend. The FWUA, however, did a good job and found a place to sit for everybody and was able to fill the plates. Mr. Dobson Lea, FUA District Director, was chairman. He introduced those sitting at the head table.

Mr. Henry Young, member of the Executive of the FUA, was guest speaker, referring briefly to the history of the Westlock district, which has produced many outstanding people, including a former premier of Alberta, Mr. Herbert Greenfield. He referred to several passing events of significance to agriculture, such as the tax controversy in this province, and the re-newed attack on the Co-operative movement, now being

promoted by big business interests. The main part of Mr. Young's address dealt with the new conditions facing Canadian farmers due to their drastic decline in numbers and in percentage of the population. He pointed out that this means reduced influence for agriculture, unless offset by more intensive organization and action along every practicable line. Mr. Young advocated that farmers make use of their own agencies, such as the FUA and all services it can develop, including producer and consumer co-operatives.

In conclusion Mr. Young stressed the primary importance of the membership drive and urged everyone to give it their full support.

A young boy and girl from Rochester had great success with their accordion duet, and a Membership skit by the Freedom and Naples FUA locals was very well received.

309 Attended at Three Hills

The dinner held Monday, October 29th in the Three Hills Community Centre, exceeded all previous records in attendance. It was the fifth dinner organized by District 10 and 309 farm people, representing 30 FUA and FWUA Locals, sat down to a delicious hot turkey dinner ably served by the ladies of the Golden Sheaf Rebekah lodge.

In behalf of the town of Three Hills, a cordial welcome was extended to all present by his worship Mayor Young.

Duncan D. Campbell, Director of Extension Department, University of Alberta, spoke on "Responsible Citizenship." He urged that we examine our responsibilities and further explained how these

responsibilities change as our attitudes and laws change. One of the most important issues that faces us today is to find a new and better way to work out ways to resist the totalitarian state—democracy is not a guarantee of freedom—the price is responsibility.

Mr. Leenders, FUA Executive Manager, in his talk pointed out that although our governments both in Alberta and at Ottawa are ready to listen to our organization, but only when the organization represents the majority of the farmers, the most favorable results will be obtained. To those who have faith in the Farmers' Union of Alberta, the letters FUA also mean "FOR US ALL."

A highlight of the evening that

District 7 went all out on the evening of Nov. 6 and 7, when it kicked off its membership drive with two banquets—the first one in Wainwright and the second in Vermilion.

At Wainwright 146 people sat down to a most enjoyable meal and program. Mr. George Finlay, FUA director, and Mrs. Lena Belik, FWUA director for District 7, acted as chairman and program convener respectively.

Mr. Len D'Albertanson, deputy mayor, and editor of the Wainwright Star-Chronicle, brought greetings from the town council. Mr. D'Albertanson is a highly regarded friend of the FUA and his paper is a strong supporter of Alberta farmers.

Mrs. W. C. Taylor, executive member of the FUA spoke briefly and effectively.

Mr. Henry Ruste, MLA, was absent due to illness, and sent his sincere regrets for not being able to attend the banquet.

Others bringing greetings were Mr. Kroeger of the Wainwright Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ralph Congdon, district field supervisor, Miss Robbins, district home economist and Mr. Walter Smart, director AMA.

On the lighter side, Mr. Yeudall and Mr. Smart produced a beautiful birthday cake for the FUA, from a recipe which they had mixed before the horrified eyes

Nearly 300 Participants

of the assembled housewives. Its contents defy description, but the finished item was perfect. Ex-director Albert Fossum entertained with several stories in his usual offhand and humorous manner. Other items included a vocal solo, and a humorous monologue by members of nearby locals.

At Vermilion, on the following evening, 149 members and guests sat down to an equally enjoyable banquet and program.

Greetings were brought by Mr. Ashley Cooper, MLA from Vermilion, who spoke briefly and acceptably. Greetings were received from the town council.

Several musical numbers were presented by members of FUA locals within the area.

An old friend, Mr. Ralph Wilson, former FUA director, and now service supervisor for the local M.D. was introduced and briefly described his new work.

With a total attendance of nearly 300 at these two banquets it is apparent that District 7 is well organized and that the FUA is strong and active throughout the entire district.

Bill Harper, radio commentator for the FUA, was guest speaker at both banquets. He pointed out that the entire social and economic picture on the prairies has changed over the past 30 years from a horse economy to a car economy. This has resulted in the disappearance of the small school house and the small local community, the shrinking of the small town and the loss of nearly one third of our farms. We now have the big school district, the big municipality, the big town and the bigger farms.

At the same time laboring groups, professional groups and business groups have organized, and are now powerful factors for the protection of their members. In this world of "organized bigness" farmers too must set up their big organization, in order to negotiate with these other social and economic groups.

encouraged participation by all was A Grand March, led by Mr. Bruce Ellis of Hubalta, with music supplied by Mrs. B. Jasman, Ethel Jasman and Leona Varga.

Following the march 45 minutes of a variety of entertainment consisting of District 10 talent was immensely enjoyed by all.

Mr. Ed Kober was Master of Ceremonies for this part of the program. There were vocal solos by Mr. Ralph Vanover, Mr. Albert Johnson, David Bricker, and Mrs. R. Baxter. Vocal duets were sung by Mrs. Helen Olsen and Mrs. Eva Dagg, and Karen and Lisa Brender. Wanda Richards presented a monologue, and Mr. H. M. Isaac, a Pianologue. Carol and Arnold Cipperley played an Accordion duet. Last but not least there were the Three Belles and a Beau, and the Big Country Four.

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THIS SHORT COURSE IN BANFF WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

The 13th annual short course in leadership techniques was held this year from October 21 to November 3. Twenty-two students came to Banff for the sessions and I was delighted to be among them. All parts of Alberta were represented, and I do not believe I have ever had the pleasure of meeting twenty-one more interesting and enthusiastic people. It was inspiring to have been able to live and work with them for two weeks.

The objectives of the course are to assist rural men and women to prepare themselves for more responsible positions in their communities, and to aid them in becoming more effective leaders of their own organizations. I feel that these goals were attained. Although we came from many different areas, each with our own special problems, we were able to find in the course some special help.

The group discussion, I found to be a most absorbing method of instruction. All the students participated wholeheartedly in these sessions. Everyone seemed to have ideas to contribute and it was refreshing to get new slants on old problems. The small size of the group gave ample opportunity for full participation.

The recreational aspects were not ignored, as this is a part of community life. Recreation classes were held each evening, directed by our Junior President Jerald Hutchinson, and I feel sure that we all left with fresh ideas to pass on to our own groups.

It seems unfortunate to me that not more people were able to attend as there was accommodation for almost twice as many students.

The participating organizations, the University Department of Extension, various organizations, primarily the Junior FUA, the

Alberta Wheat Pool and the United Grain Growers, used every resource available to make it a profitable two weeks. I would like to see more people take advantage of these services. For myself, the things I learned and the ideas I gained at this course will undoubtedly be useful to me for the rest of my life.

—Doreen Nelson

Here is Another Change Coming Up

During the last few months we have stressed in The Organized Farmer time and time again the big changes which face agriculture in the near future. We have pointed out quite a few of these changes. Mr. George N. McConnell, chairman of the board of grain commissioners, spoke at a meeting of Manitoba Pool Elevators about one of them which we didn't even mention: the matter of grain handling. Whether his prediction is right or wrong, we don't know at this time, but he said that in the future, farmers will be asked to carry "a little heavier" part of the grain handling burden. That "future" was in his speech more defined to within the next ten years.

Mr. McConnell said, "Today it costs 10½ to 12 cents to handle grain at country elevators. This, he considers, too high a cost to handle grain."

He foresaw the emergence of a number of interior elevators of 150,00 to 200,000 bushel capacity

Agricultural Financing

The Department of Extension of the University of Alberta has held five conference in the province about agricultural financing. Taber, Calgary, Lethbridge, Edmonton and Grande Prairie were the places chosen for these conferences, which were confined to employees of Canadian banks and prime credit agencies. They were organized to assist major credit agencies towards more effective servicing of farm customers.

Current farm problems and agricultural policies were discussed and how they may effect incomes and security for credit. The relationship of planning and organiza-

tion to income was also shown, and a better understanding of agricultural technology, farm practices and modern farming in general was provided.

In our January issues we shall publish some of the information given at these conference.

Milo - Queenstown Local Did Very Well

Milo-Queenstown local did very well in 1962. The membership drive in November increased the membership by about 30%, and about half of the members paid dues for two-year memberships. The UFA Co-op, which operates as part of the local, did about \$20,000 worth of business. Twelve regular meetings were held and one directors meeting. A shipment of frozen fruit was brought in from B.C. and the local is now busy organizing an MSI group. One Junior was sponsored to attend the Young People's Week. Two delegates will attend the Annual Convention in December.

The new board of directors are: President, Mr. Robert Scott, Majorville; Vice-President, Mr. Gilbert Voors; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Jack Bushell, Box 24, Queenstown; Directors: Mr. Frank Durston, Mr. Harold Northcott, Mr. Chris Nelson and Mr. Eugene Bushell.

full chance to state their case. This means the undertaking of quite a few cost studies to determine the borderlines.

Farmers should give this matter serious consideration as it is somewhat more complicated than appears at first sight. A farmer may need one truck more, for example, when hauling grain straight from the combine to an elevator further away.—Ed.)

• Viking South held a wool blanket bingo. A quizz by hostess Mrs. Lina Blumhagen was a success.

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PLANNING ON DISTRICT BASIS

Mr. Coles of the Red Deer Planning Commission will give an outline of planning on district and area basis at the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture on Thursday, January 10, in the Corona Hotel in Edmonton.

RESEARCH COUNCIL ASSESSMENT

Alberta's assessment for the Agricultural Economics Research Council has been set at \$3,090. As the Alberta farm organizations had agreed in principle on the formation of this council, the Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture felt at their meeting of November 5, that the Federation was for that reason also responsible for financial assistance. After the position of the National Farmers' Union and Federated Co-operatives has been ascertained, member organizations will be assessed the proportionate share of the amount of \$3,090. The Farmers' Union is one of the member organizations.

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Agricultural Training Conference

By Kay Dowhaniuk

A two-day conference has been held by the Canada Department of Labour, for the purpose of identifying the needs and problems that exist in technical and vocational education for rural people, and to consider measures required to meet them

Mr. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, said in an opening address to the Conference, "An adequate educational program for rural Canada is not easily achieved. It is far more difficult to construct than an educational program for the urban sector. This is so because boys and girls born and raised on farms must find non-farm employment. Yet we must somehow provide an education for those who remain in agriculture. If we fail in the training for rural life we condemn our rural communities to a slow but certain degradation."

In his closing remarks, Mr. Hamilton posed questions like, "Do we need educational programmes that spark interest in community stability and development? Does the average rural boy or girl have any concept of what could be done toward community development? Could we provide an opportunity in rural education programmes for community development analysis?"

From the point of view of FU & CDA, whose primary function is to design a co-ordinated plan of action at the local level which will provide a systematic approach to rural development, we are indeed encouraged by the remarks made by Mr. Hamilton, and other speakers.

The farm and co-operative organizations in Alberta (through a co-ordinated approach) can be a most effective liaison between government and local people.

Rural people would then be involved in determining the needs of the community, and in planning the program which they are sup-

posed to participate in.

A few recommendations made at the Conference are:

(1) Very considerable financial resources are now being channeled into vocational and technical training in Canada, and a fair share of these resources should be available for agricultural training.

(2) At the provincial level the fundamental need is for a well co-ordinated vocational training program, especially designed for farm adults.

(3) Provincial grants should be made available to either governmental or voluntary groups to influence groups to finance research at the local level. Also, efforts should be made to ensure that research which has been done is effectively utilized in seminars, and in other ways.

(4) To help meet the problem of enabling farmers to appreciate the benefits and opportunities of further training. The following were suggested: (a) To utilize Voluntary Organizations to involve the farmer and study his training needs and participate in planning for their provision. (b) A suggestion that local voluntary groups be encouraged to plan and conduct courses on their own initiative to meet local needs, once a general program schedule, and criteria for qualifications for assistance are established.

(5) The following are specific program suggestions:

(a) A greater number and variety of agricultural programs should be made at community level.

(b) Full utilization of local high school facilities.

(c) Development of more correspondence courses in agricultural subjects.

(d) The instruction in farm management should be provided in increasing volume.

(e) More financial assistance to enable farmers and their wives to attend courses away from their work.

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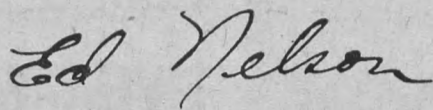
Dear Member and Canvasser:

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on a job well done. I am very much aware of the difficulties, and the sacrifice of time and effort required to do a good job of canvassing in a district, for F.U.A. members. I am very proud to be able to say to people outside our province that in Alberta we have over 1,000 farmers who undertake to do this job every year.

In spite of the difficulties, there is little doubt in my mind that it is this very great effort put forth by our canvassers, and the personal contact they make, that keeps our membership way ahead of any other province.

Please accept my very personal thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Nelson, President.
FARMERS' UNION OF ALBERTA

F.W.U.A. President Reports:

By Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite

The past month has disappeared so rapidly that it is hard to realize we have completed our membership drive and are just ready to convene in Annual Convention. Many problems have been solved by our farm organizations and many more need to be solved. But it seems to me that a little bit of good thinking by our members, put into practise, will beat all the theory devised by the economists in solving some of our problems. It's one matter to be directly involved in the actual workings of something and to suggest remedies to cure some of the ills, it's another thing for someone to stand to one side, looking on, and say this is what you need. Anyway our convention will provide a place and program to really get our teeth into some of these problems.

Miss Jean McNaughton, a member of the nutrition research section of the bio-chemistry department of the University of Melbourne, Australia, has some definite ideas on food and its distribution. She does not believe that food distribution can be solved by large scale migration. Nor does she believe that international trade can offer a solution, because only 10% of the world's food production passes into world trade, and amounts of surplus production had little significance in long term programs.

The quality of food supplies vary in many countries. Tropical countries have a serious lack of protein in their foods. This widespread deficiency is having serious effects on children, particularly between 6 months to five or six years of age. Today's knowledge of nutrition has developed to the point where we know that the human body needs about 50 different substances from food to remain in good health.

Surprise

In countries where food production and distribution are well organized highly mechanized industries, it comes as a surprise to remember that the majority of the population in large parts of Asia, Africa and Latin America are subsistence farmers using techniques little removed from those of our ancestors. The digging stick and sickles are still widely used. Bullocks and other farm animals are used for power for threshing and to turn the water wheel. Less than 10 years ago Miss McNaughton saw rural women living near Rome threshing grain by tossing it into the air.

Mrs. Douglas Lee of Malaya defined the women's role in her country, going back to 70 years ago. The home and family have from time immortal been regarded as essentially the woman's world. During those days women were to concern themselves wholly and completely on matter pertaining to the home and family. Basically, this meant the affairs within the four walls of home. Marriage and births, sickness and death, religious ceremonies and customs, and the routine of household chores were to take her time. The family house of which she was merely a member,

was a well defined hierarchy of women-folk with the mother-in-law reigning supreme. It reminded me of one of the famous quotations, "Their's not to reason why, but to do or die."

The basic principle adopted in most Asian Countries was that a woman should be subject to authority; in youth the authority of parents, in womanhood the authority of her husband and mother-in-law, in old age the authority of her sons.

Changes

Industrialization produced the most revolutionary changes. Before a woman was involved in home industries, today many are working in factories and they have begun to form an important part of the economic structure of the nation. It should be noted here that this form of labor was cheap and basically required no specialization or great skill. Education which was accorded to women, with no intention of preparing women to take up careers and professions, was the most significant change. It was in that early period that women became aware of the fact that if women were to become good mothers they would have to be given some fundamental education which would enable them to help towards the education of their children. The illiterate masses of women were now given rudimentary education. Prior to this, women gave their offspring little more than the customs, traditions, superstition, and very often the prejudices of her society.

New Vistas

Education opened up new vistas unimagined before. These unleashed new forces which were to have the most dynamic repercussions throughout the world. Women for the first time began to feel as individuals.

The four walls of her home were no longer her sole domain. She concerned herself with every facet of life which was to effect her children and the home became a different place. She demanded a real home. She desired even a small hut where she could take full responsibility of her home and family in a partnership with her husband.

The Chinese and Indian belief was that a man's property was to

A. F. A. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture will be held on January 9, 10 and 11 in the Corona Hotel in Edmonton. The Federal minister of Agriculture, Mr. Alvin Hamilton, has been invited as banquet speaker on January 10.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Changes of address have to be mailed to Central Office preferably not less than one month in advance to make sure that you won't miss one or more issues of The Organized Farmer.

ALBERTA WOMEN HAVE MANY RIGHTS

By Mrs. L. Scraba, F W U A Director, District 6

Three or four decades ago the Alberta women did not enjoy the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as men, but that is certainly not true of recent times. Women in Alberta have gained many rights in the last twenty-five to thirty years. Women of our generation generally have the same rights and privileges as men, and are subject to the same penalties and responsibilities as men.

The following is a brief list of some of the many rights an Alberta woman has:

1. Franchise

(a) Every woman in Canada is qualified to vote in the Federal Elections if she is a Canadian Citizen or British Subject, is of the full age of 21 years, and has been a resident of Canada for twelve months.

(b) In Alberta a woman of the full age of 19 years is qualified to vote in the provincial elections.

(c) In Municipal and School Board Elections the women are on equal footing with men; age 21 qualifies either one to vote, providing he or she has some assessable property.

2. Citizenship

(a) A woman has the same right to become a Canadian citizen as a man, and a woman who marries an alien does not lose her citizenship.

3. Jury

(a) Women are eligible to sit on juries, but no woman can be compelled without prior consent.

(b) If one of the parties being

be counted in terms of the number of children he had, regardless of the effects this had on the mother.

The woman's world is wide, but none the less her contribution and work will be nullified if she forgets or neglects her home and family. A happy woman makes a happy home and a happy nation, happy nations make a happy world where science and technology will be used for the benefit of mankind and not for his total annihilation.

MASTER FARM FAMILY AWARDS

Not two winners of the Master Farm Family Awards are members of the FUA, as mentioned in the last issue, but all four. The J. Harold McLaughlin family of Spruce Grove and the George Dechant family of Freidenstal are also members of the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

Co-op Information Sessions

Throughout the winter season there will be a variety of informal co-operative information sessions in the Edmonton Co-op Shopping Centre's auditorium. Dave Hardman, educational director, will show a wide range of films and be available to answer questions or take part in discussions. Some of the films will be about co-operative development and others will be of a general nature. A wide selection of films about travel, nature, science and other entertaining subjects can be obtained from the University of Alberta's extension department.

Also several Edmonton co-operators have made recent visits to other countries. They will show slides of films along with commentary to elaborate on the places they visited.

Member patrons will be able to visit these sessions as you wish in conjunction with your Thursday evening shopping. They will be quite informal, anyone may come or go as he wishes, ask a question of interest or take part in discussion, then depart after as long or short time as is convenient for him.



F. W. U. A. HI-LITES

• **West Wind** held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Carl Bastian with 22 members and five visitors present. Mrs. F. Huddleston, District 10 FWUA Director congratulated West Wind FUA and FWUA locals on their very successful membership drive, resulting in 264 adult members, a number of which didn't belong to the Union before.

• **Anthony Hill** re-elected Mrs. Elvira Colleton as President. Mrs. Betty Bonnett is Vice-President and Mrs. Mary Hetler, R.R. 2, Brightview is the new secretary. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Edythe Mattern.

• **Three Hills** elected Mrs. H. Boles of Three Hills as President; Mrs. Joe Cyr, Three Hills, as Secretary and Mrs. Ralph Dau, Three Hills, as Treasurer. The December meeting will be a Christmas Party. Meeting place was the home of Mrs. Minnie Davis.

• **Pollockville** will hold a Christmas Party for the local children. Most of the members signed up for two-year memberships. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Seefeldt. Eleven members were present and there were three visitors.

• **Drumheller East** will send letters of welcome to all newcomers in the district and invite them to attend the meetings. Mrs. Alex Leonhardt, Box 41, Drumheller, was elected President; Mrs. Bruce Wade, Vice-President; Mrs. John Adie, Drumheller, Secretary.

• **Fairdonian Valley** collected a box of articles for the Canadian Mental Health Association Family Fair. All officers were re-elected. President is Mrs. R. Shaw, Sedgewick 1, and Secretary Mrs. T. Wilson. Mrs. Tindall was elected as member of the sick committee.

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HOG MARKETING

At the Alberta Federation of Agriculture Board Meeting the Committee on Hog Marketing reported that a plan had been prepared and that this had been endorsed in principle by the Alberta minister of agriculture and the cabinet. A statement has also been prepared with regard to purpose, organization and operation of the plan. Anyone wishing to make a further study can obtain a brochure about the subject of hog marketing from FUA Central Office, 9934-106 Street, Edmonton, or from the office of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, Room 521, 10201-104 Street, Edmonton.

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schools. Last year there were 10,822. The Indian Affairs Branch will help Indian boys and girls with ability, but too many still drop out in high school. Last year there were in all Canada only 904 Indians in grade IX, 202 in grade XII, 60 in university, 1 in law school and 2 in medicine.

RISEING COSTS

The cost of education in the Northland School division has risen considerably and will continue to rise. Alberta's birth rate, the highest in Canada, is approximately 30 live births per 1,000 population. The birth rate among people of Indian ancestry is approximately 50 per 1,000. This rate has always been high but was in the past balanced to some extent by a high infant mortality rate. Due to the use of so called miracle drugs, extended public health services, family allowances and the advances made in the fight against tuberculosis, a decided drop in the child death rate has been noted. The resources in the area are not adequate to provide for the rapidly expanding population and these children must leave the forest to earn a living in the outside world. To succeed they must have an adequate education. Elementary and high schools opportunities should be provided in their immediate area and vocational, technical and professional training should be provided either in the area or in other centres in the province.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Farm Women's Union of Alberta believes that the aim of education should be to strive for the goal of giving all children equal opportunities to obtain the education that will meet their particular needs. Better roads and the developing school bus system is improving educational opportunities in the rural areas. We are concerned because most Hutterite children leave school when they are fifteen and therefore are not receiving as good an education as other Alberta children. We have been greatly concerned because the Indian and Metis children have not been receiving an adequate education. We are pleased that considerable progress has been made in recent years. We congratulate the people responsible for that progress and wish them further success in bringing more nearly equal educational opportunities to the Indians and Metis.

MORE CONSIDERATION

The education of the Indian and Metis is receiving more consideration by the Canadian Government and the provinces in recent years. Saskatchewan has made considerable progress. In the overall Canadian picture there are four types of Indian schools: (a) the day schools, mainly on the reserves, (best because they leave the children in their own homes and communities); (b) residential schools for isolated children; (c) the seasonal schools for children of nomadic tribes who wander between trap lines and fishing; (d) the hospital schools in sanatoria.

The Canadian government is encouraging integration where it is feasible. Many are now attending integrated high schools in nearby cities. In 1950 only 1,180 Indian children were in non-Indian

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LIVELY F.W.U.A. CONFERENCE AT FAIRVIEW

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. D. Wagner, FWUA District 2 held a lively conference at the Fairview Community College.

Mr. Howard Hibbard, FUA District 2 director, brought greetings from the District Board and spoke briefly about the Teen Camp, held this summer at Fairview.

Mrs. Bea Chapman, District 2 FWUA director, gave her report, mentioning the summer board meeting in Edmonton which she attended. She reminded locals, who hadn't done so, to send their contributions to the ACWW delegates fund. She also reminded the locals that all handicraft exhibits should be sent with the delegates.

Mr. V. Osbaldeston, principal of the Fairview Community College, announced that no students are taking the clothing course this year. So far there are now 75 students enrolled, and Mr. Osbaldeston expected that by February 90 to 95 students would be in attendance.

Mr. Osbaldeston and Mrs. Warne conducted the approximately 20 delegates who attended the meeting on a tour of the college.

Mrs. Chapman announced that the District 2 Board has invited locals to choose from among their members a sub district director to represent them at the District board meetings. Where there is more than one FWUA local in a sub-district, the presidents of the locals would call a general meeting and a sub-district director could then be nominated and the name submitted to the FUA secretary for District 2 by the middle of December.

Mrs. Evelyn Bailey gave an interesting and enthusiastic talk on ceramics, describing the different phases of pottery making, from

the raw clay through to the finished article. Mrs. Bailey had on hand a beautiful display of pottery to illustrate her talk.

Next speaker was Mrs. Kay Dowhaniuk, provincial director for the FU & CDA. In order to illustrate the principles of this organization Mrs. Dowhaniuk, with the help of Mrs. Edna Walker and a few of the delegates, conducted a play showing how several organizations in a community can co-operate on a project for the benefit of the community as a whole. Mrs. Dowhaniuk went on to describe how it works at the local, district and provincial levels.

Two ARDA Projects Approved

The first two projects under the long range Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Program have been approved. One is for a large expansion of woodland management assistance in New Brunswick, the other gives assistance for comprehensive studies of the agricultural future of Manitoba. In the latter province federal assistance will provide funds for such detailed studies as:

- Investigation of the primary agricultural industry in that province;
- Investigation of the food, beverage and other agricultural products industries;
- Investigation of the commercial fishing industry as well as the outdoor recreational resources and recreational land and water use.

The federal assistance provided for the surveys and studies will total \$30,000.

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EDUCATION OF INDIAN AND METIS CHILDREN

by Mrs. Russell Johnston
F W U A Director District 11

A study conducted two years ago found there were 4,000 Metis children attending public and separate schools in Alberta. Most of them were in Northern Alberta, north of the Athabasca River and east of the Peace River. In addition there are some 5,000 Indians in these schools and in the Federal Indian Schools.

For the purpose of this survey, Metis were considered to be people of Indian extraction who were non-treaty Indians, living at a lower economic level than the white people in the same area and having a different philosophy and system of values. One difference is that, whereas most Albertans are "future-oriented", being much concerned about the future welfare of their children, people of Indian ancestry are "present-oriented", tending to let the future take care of itself. Most of the Metis who meet this criterion live in the northern part of the province. The majority of them are behind other children in school and most leave school at the age of fifteen years or younger. About three-quarters of these children live in school divisions and counties in Northern Alberta. Prior to 1961 the remainder attended school in small isolated public schools and mission schools in the same area. The schools, particularly the mission schools, commonly were very poor buildings with a minimum of books, furniture and equipment, and frequently with poorly qualified or quite unqualified teachers. Attendance is erratic, at times averaging only about 60% a month.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DIVISION

At the beginning of 1961 the Northland School Division No. 61 was established, taking in all public and mission schools in the area. The Division has an official trustee, a full-time superintendent, a full-time secretary-treasurer and office staff, with offices in Edmonton. Educational services have been greatly improved. New buildings have been built and old ones have been brought up to satisfactory levels. New books, furniture and equipment have been provided and the level of teacher

competence and supervision of instruction has been greatly improved.

Much remains to be done to meet the needs of these people. The reading material used in the primary grades in Alberta is designed for urban, middle class, English speaking children, whereas most of the Metis children are rural, lower class (economically) and Cree speaking. At the present time the Northland School Division, with the help of a Canadian publisher, is engaged in a project to develop curricular material that will take the child from his own environment and within the course of two or three years bring him to the point where he can make the transition to the regular reading program of our schools. When this program is completed materials will be available not only to the Northland School Division but to other parts of Alberta, other provinces and the North West Territories.

GOLD EYE LAKE CAMP AWAITS FINISHING TOUCH

Another year of camping has concluded at the Junior FUA Gold Eye Lake Camp. Two camps were held this year—one an FU & CDA Teen Camp which included aspects of co-operatives and other ways of doing business, citizenship and leadership training, the other one sponsored by the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, which was primarily a Citizenship Camp with Indian and Non-Indian students.

The reason for holding only two camps during the summer was the fact that the facilities are not completed and construction was going on from May until the present.

I would like to report on the physical development of the camp to date. In 1960 a cook shelter, wash-house and one dormitory cabin were erected. Also the area for the main pavilion and a fire guard was cleared. The Provincial Government constructed a highway, approximately one mile in length, from the new David Thompson Highway right to our campsite. In 1961 three additional dormitory cabins were constructed. Each being 16' x 32' of log construction with a layer of fibreglass insulation between the logs, making it relatively warm as well as a very sound building. Also in 1961 a recreation area was cleared and a well drilled, which is 100 feet in depth.

The construction has progressed very well, the highlight of the year being the construction of the main pavilion which is a high building 40' x 80' with two wings 24' x 34'.

A project such as Gold Eye required a spark from somewhere

and it came largely from Alex McCalla and Mr. Arnold Platt. They went out looking for a place where a citizenship and leadership training centre could be developed for rural young people. We have to thank Alex McCalla and Mr. Platt, as well as many farm people throughout this province, who have contributed so generously to this project, through the FUA locals, the FWUA locals, Junior locals and individual contributions. The Co-operatives and the Provincial Government have also given valuable assistance. The many trips fieldmen have made in taking around our displays, speaking at meetings, the senior officials of the Farmers' Union, the Farm Women's Union, who have certainly promoted this project, are appreciated very much. The development at the camp would have been impossible without the interest and co-operation of all these people.

To date we have received \$36,500.00, all of which is invested in the Camp. The balance is \$50.00. We owe approximately \$7,500.00 on the main pavilion, which will have to be paid at the end of this year.

Another \$25,000.00 is required to finish the Camp. The main pavilion has to be finished, and a pressure system for the well is needed. To finish the main pavilion, put in plumbing, heating and wiring, will require a minimum of \$10,000.00. To put in a disposal field and plumbing in a wash-house which will give shower and toilet facilities on the site for 100 people, will cost a minimum of \$7,500.00. There are such things as picking rocks off the recreation area, clearing the windfall and gravelling the driveways, etc., requiring another \$2,000.00. We have reached a point where it is necessary to have a staff house for people who travel a good distance to come and lecture. This, plus the fact that we require a permanent person on the campsite to take care of our invest-

F. W. U. A. HI-LITES

• **Sunny Hills** will make a donation to the Drumheller School for Retarded Children in place of the suggested gift for the December roll call. Christmas gifts for the elderly people of the Sunset Lodge in Drumheller are to be brought to the next meeting. Mrs. C. W. Johnson was elected delegate to the Annual Convention. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Doug Grenville on December 12.

• **Rosyth** held a tea and bazaar on November 24 to raise money to send two delegates to the Annual Convention. A Harvesters' Dance was held in the Community Hall. Mrs. Maurice Manning, Hardisty, was elected President; Mrs. Ralph Manning, Hardisty, Vice-President; Mrs. G. Crone, Hardisty, Secretary; and Mrs. Louise Miller, Hardisty, Treasurer.

• **Eclipse** opened its meeting with two minutes silence in memory of Mrs. A. Newsham. She and the late Mrs. A. C. Johnstone founded the Eclipse local. Miss Jessie Elliott was chosen as delegate to the Annual Convention.

ment, which is large now and will grow, requires a staff house to accommodate this person as well as staff coming in for special lectures. The cost will be approximately \$5,000.00.

I think this will indicate to you what we need to put this Camp into operation.

I would like to recommend that someone be appointed within the FUA as Camp Director or Administrator. This person would be a liaison between FU & CDA who will be playing a large part in programming. A Program Committee should be set up to make recommendations and suggestions to both the Camp Director and FU & CDA. It is necessary to have a Construction Committee which would be specifically in charge of finance, raising of funds and the supervision of contract and construction at the camp, through the Camp Administrator or Director.

—G. Schuler

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

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In 1961-62, the Alberta Wheat Pool:

- Handled 60,105,000 bushels of grain or a record 42 per cent of all grain marketed in the province.
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- Did \$81,000,000 worth of business.
- Operated—552 country elevators
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FERTILIZER KNOW-HOW—U.G.G. agent Bill Earl (left) of Ponoka, Alta., talks over next year's fertilizing program with Peter Davies. Mr. Davies farms 900 acres, feeds out about 200 hogs and 25 steers a year. He plans to fertilize every year and expects his agent to know how much and what analysis of fertilizer to apply.



GOOD GRAIN SERVICE—One of the largest farmers in the Ponoka district (3,100 acres), Glen Crandall expects his agent, Bill Earle, to know the grades and to be willing to hustle when he's in a hurry. Mr. Crandall does all the welding and mechanical work on his farm, keeps 150 head of range cows.

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UP-TO-DATE WEED KNOWLEDGE — Edward Larsen has been spraying weeds ever since the late 1940's. He has 800 acres to keep clean and wants his agent to supply him with the latest information on new weedkillers and how to apply them. Mr. Larsen is one of Canada's first farmers to raise S.P.F. pigs.



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